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SUBJECT: PITESTI SEMINAR

REF: A) BUCHAREST 2525 B) STATE 126281

1. DISCUSSED SEMINAR OUTLINE AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH OFFICIALS AT PITESTI, INCLUDING GENERAL MANAGER VALENTIN IONITA. OUTLINE WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED AND SEMINAR IS EAGERLY AWAITED. ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE HIGH. MINIMUM TURNOUT OF 30 WAS PREDICTED FOR EACH SESSION, WITH SESSIONS OF WIDEST INTEREST DRAWING AS MANY AS 100 PARTICIPANTS.

2. SEMINAR FACILITIES ARE EXCELLENT AND APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING PROGRAM. ENTIRE TEAM STAYS OVERNIGHT BUCHAREST FRIDAY JUNE 21. ONE MISSION MEMBER AND EMBASSY OFFICER PROCEED TO PITESTI SATURDAY JUNE 22 TO SUPERVISE PREPARATION OF SEMINAR FACILITIES AND TO WORK WITH INTERPRETERS. LATTER WOULD INCLUDE GIVING INTERPRETERS AS MUCH WRITTEN MATERIAL ON SEMINAR TOPICS AS IS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING PREPARED PAPERS, IF ANY. REMAINDER OF TEAM FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING IN BUCHAREST AREA JUNE 22 AND OVERNIGHTS BUCHAREST. ENTIRE GROUP MEETS IN PITESTI SUNDAY JUNE 23, THEN DEPARTS ABOUT NOON ON WHAT SHOULD PROVE TO BE HIGHLY INTERESTING EXCURSION ORGANIZED BY PETROCHEMICAL OFFICIALS, RETURNING TO HOTEL SUNDAY AFTERNOON. ENTIRE TEAM RETURNS TO BUCHAREST FRIDAY JUNE 28 AFTER FINAL SEMINAR SESSION. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE AND WHO WILL GO TO

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PITESTI JUNE 22. ALSO NEED DESIRED DEPARTURE FLIGHT TIMES

AND DESTINATIONS FROM BUCHAREST SO WE CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS.

3. IN EMBASSY OPINION, ONE OF TWO INTERPRETERS OFFERED BY PITESTI GROUP IS QUALIFIED AND SECOND IS MARGINAL. WE INTEND TO HIRE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED INTERPRETER, AND PITESTI OFFICIALS ALSO PROMISED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. WITH QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS, WE BELIEVE SEMINAR WILL BE SUCCESSFUL EVEN IF TEAM UNABLE BRING REPLACEMENT TRANSMITTER (REFTEL A).

4. ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER SILINS WILL MEET GROUP AT AIRPORT AND BRIEF FOLLOWING ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST.
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